IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with <u>underlining</u> and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 35, line 3, with the following paragraph:

--FIGS. 13A through 13D are views for explaining the face orientation detection process performed by the face orientation detection apparatus 1, for an image frame from which the nose position can not be detected. Similarly to FIG. 3A, FIG. 13A shows an example of the image frame acquired from the camera 2. ~~One~~ <u>As shown in FIG. 13B, one</u> example of the image frame from which the nose position can not be detected is an image frame in which the local minimum value of the sum of brightness, which is the sum value of pixel data aligned in the vertical direction Y in the region R lower than the eye position by the predetermined number of pixels, calculated in the above-described nose detection process can not be specified.--